

Congressional Update



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Serving the 11th District of California

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Gun Violence: By the Numbers

Second Amendment

"A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed."

Heller decision: "reasonable restrictions" may be applied to the Second Amendment

- Justice Antonin Scalia in the Majority Opinion (5-4)

****Note:** California state gun laws have been generally found Constitutional since California does not have a "right to bear arms" in its Constitution.

Only 6 states do not have this provision, and others have limited provisions allowing for "collective" rights

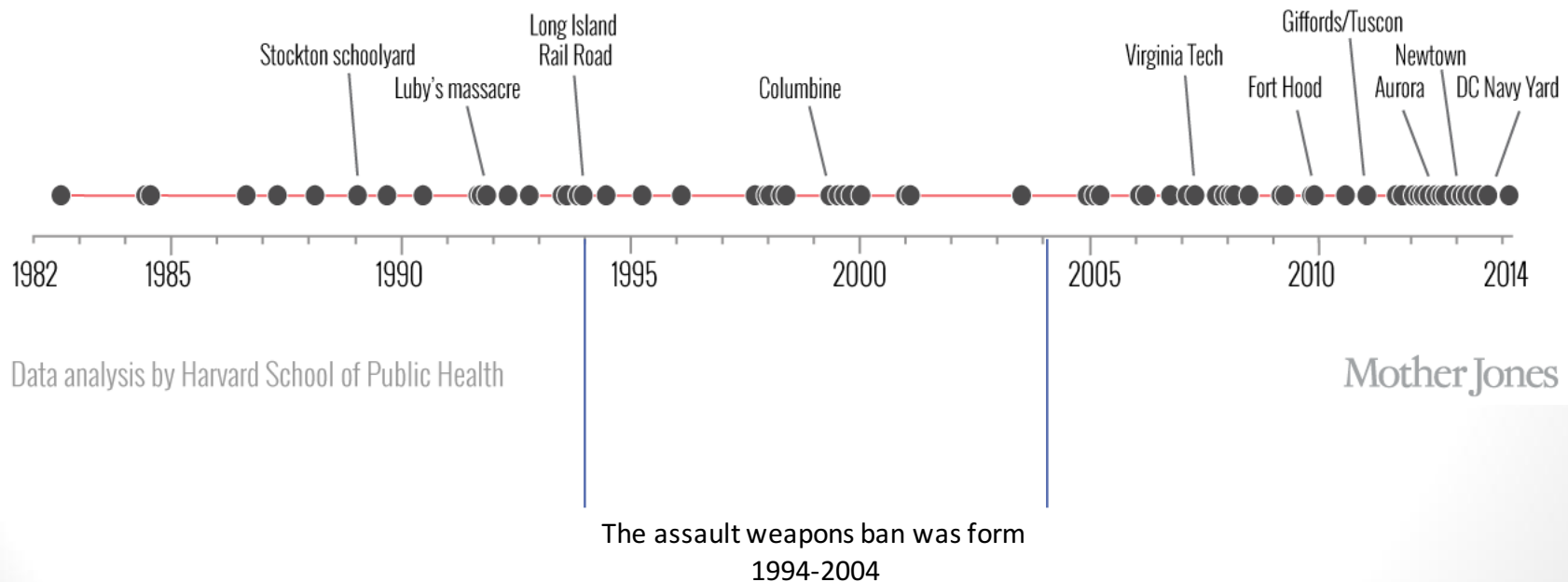
At a Glance

- Gun violence claims over **30,000 lives annually** in the United States, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
- The U.S. firearm homicide rate is **20 times higher** than the combined rates of 22 comparable countries.
- Americans make up about **4.4% of the global population**, but own **42% of the world's guns**.
- Adjusted for population, **only Yemen has a higher rate of mass shootings** among countries with more than 10 million people.
- For every person who dies from a gunshot, two others are wounded.
- In 2010, guns took the lives of 31,076 Americans in homicides, suicides and unintentional shootings. This is the equivalent of more than **85 deaths each day** and more than **three deaths each hour**.
- Between 1955 and 1975, the Vietnam War killed over 58,000 American soldiers – less than the number of civilians killed with guns in the U.S. in an average two-year period.
- The last time taxes were increased on gun purchases was **1919**. The gun tax does not apply to automatic rifles.

Mass Shootings are Increasing

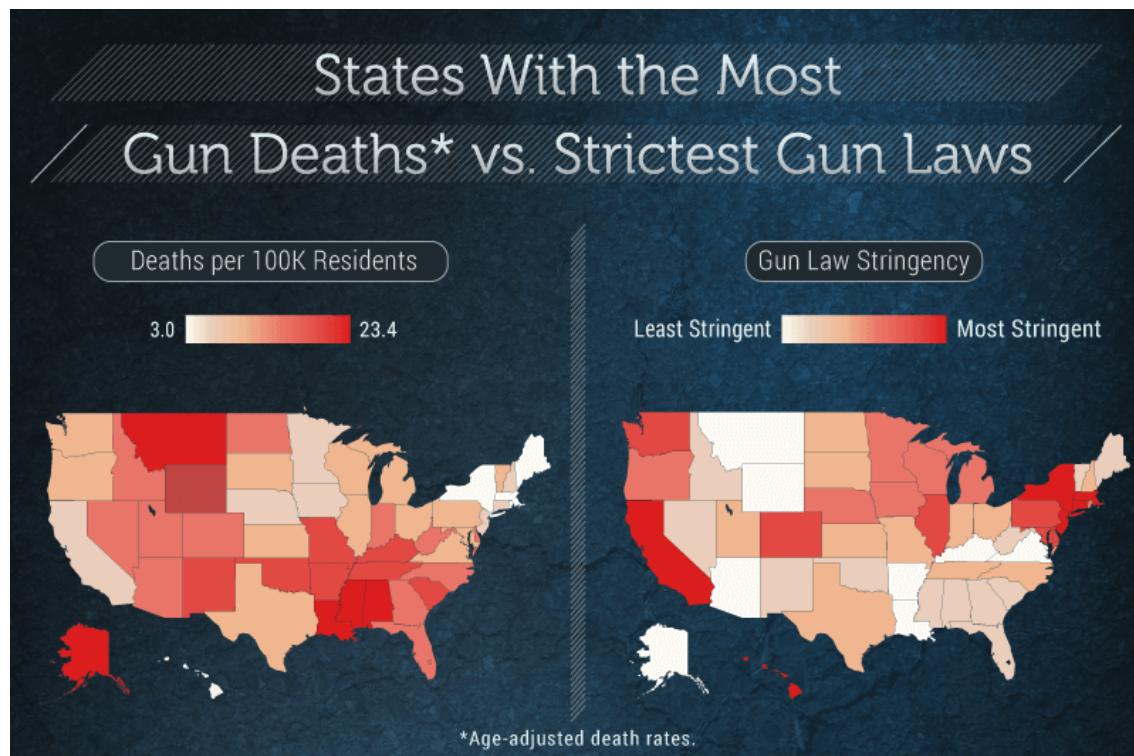
Already in 2018, there have been **30 mass shootings** and more than **1,800 gun deaths**.

Time Between Mass Shootings, 1982-2014



California and Guns

- California's gun laws are ranked #1 by the Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence
 - California has the 9th lowest rate of gun violence in the country



SOURCES: Crimadvisor.com
CDC.gov

DO GUN LAWS WORK?

America's gun violence epidemic does not have to be an inevitable fact of life. Because strong gun laws are clearly associated with lower gun death rates, legislators should work to save lives in their communities by enacting smart gun laws.

TOP 10 STATES WITH THE *strongest gun laws*

1. California
2. New Jersey
3. Massachusetts
4. Connecticut
5. Hawaii
6. New York
7. Maryland
8. Illinois
9. Rhode Island
10. Michigan

7 states
HAVE BOTH

TOP 10 STATES WITH THE *lowest gun death rates*

1. Hawaii
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3. Rhode Island
4. New York
5. New Jersey
6. Connecticut
7. Minnesota
8. Iowa
9. California
10. Maine

California vs. Federal Law

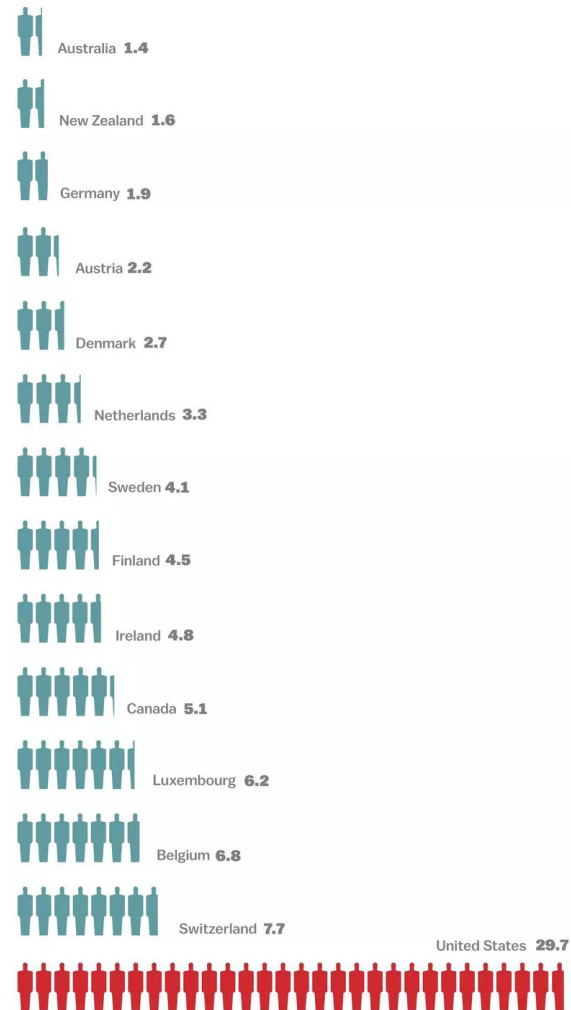
	California	Federal
Background checks	Universal	Only through federally licensed dealers (not on private sales)
Waiting period	10 days	None
Purchase limit	One every 30 days	No limit
Pre-purchase requirements	(1) 5-year Firearm Safety Certificate, (2) background check, (3) written test	None
Assault weapons	Illegal, except in limited circumstances	Legal
Firearm registration	California DOJ keeps registry including fingerprints of gun owners	None
Magazine capacity restriction	Illegal to have a magazine with more than 10 bullets	No restrictions

International Comparisons

America has six times as many firearm homicides as Canada, and nearly 16 times as many as Germany

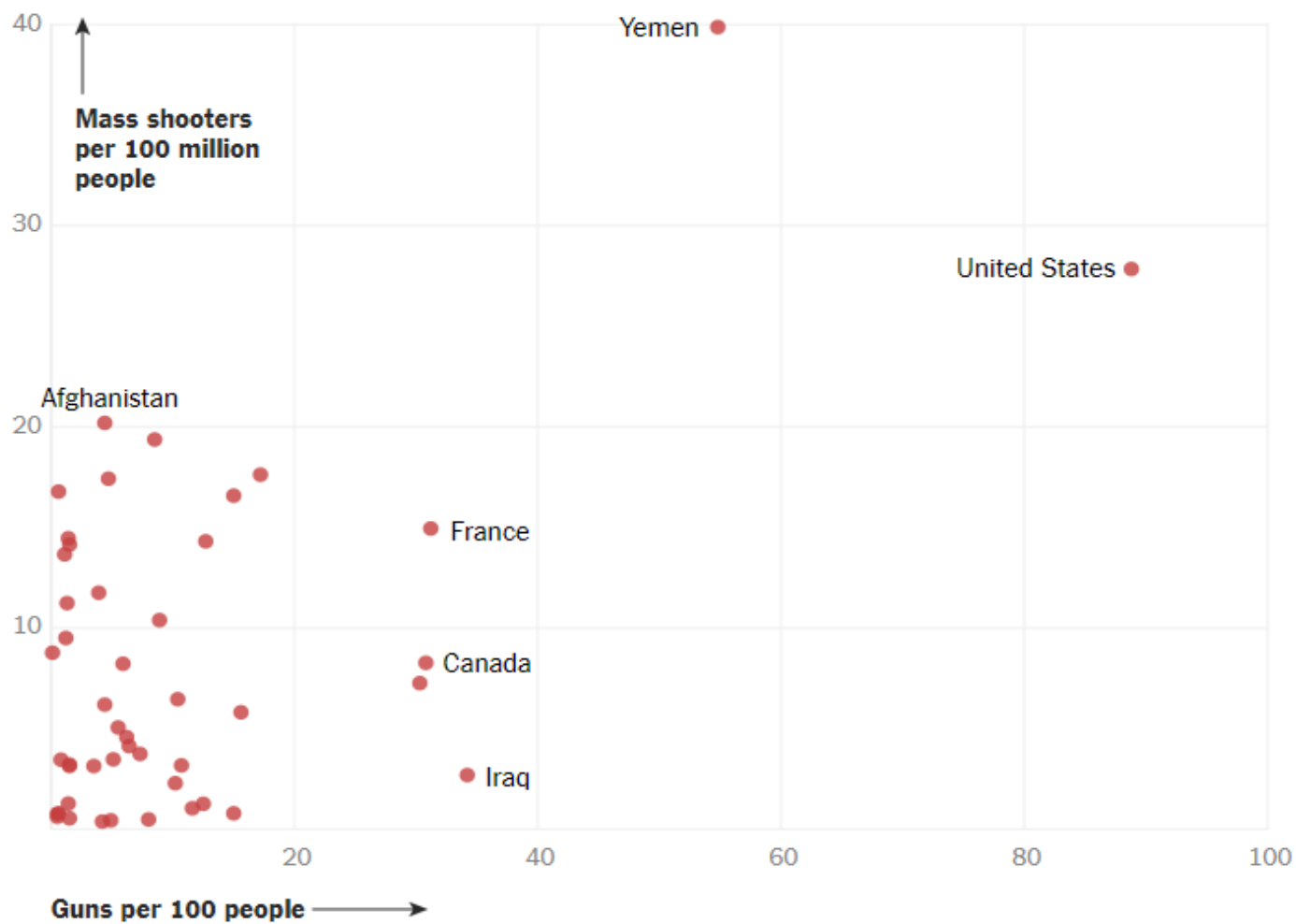
Homicides by firearm per 1 million people

In advanced countries according to the Human Development Index. Numbers are for 2012.



SOURCE: UNODC, Small Arms Survey, via The Guardian.

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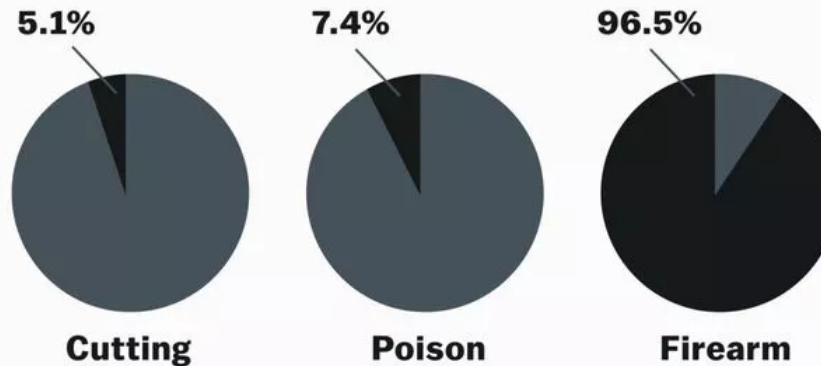


The New York Times | Source: Adam Lankford, The University of Alabama (shooters); Small Arms Survey (guns).

Guns and Suicides

- Almost 62% of gun deaths in 2010 were suicides.
- Several recent studies show that states with universal background checks are correlated with a decrease of all types of suicides.

Fatal suicide attempts
Indiana 1990-1997



Mental Health and Guns

- If mental health were the problem, then data would show that Americans have more mental health problems. But the **mental health data are all in line with other wealthy countries.**
- Women are up to 40 percent more likely than men to develop mental health conditions. Yet, **98% of mass shootings are committed by men.**
- A 2015 study estimated that **only 4% of American gun deaths could be attributed to mental health issues.***
- This President's very first act in office was to sign a roll-back of a regulation that would have required more mentally ill people to be barred from buying guns.

*Collaborative study with Duke University School of Medicine, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Oxford, and UCLA Department of Health Policy and Management

Gun Violence: Congressional Action

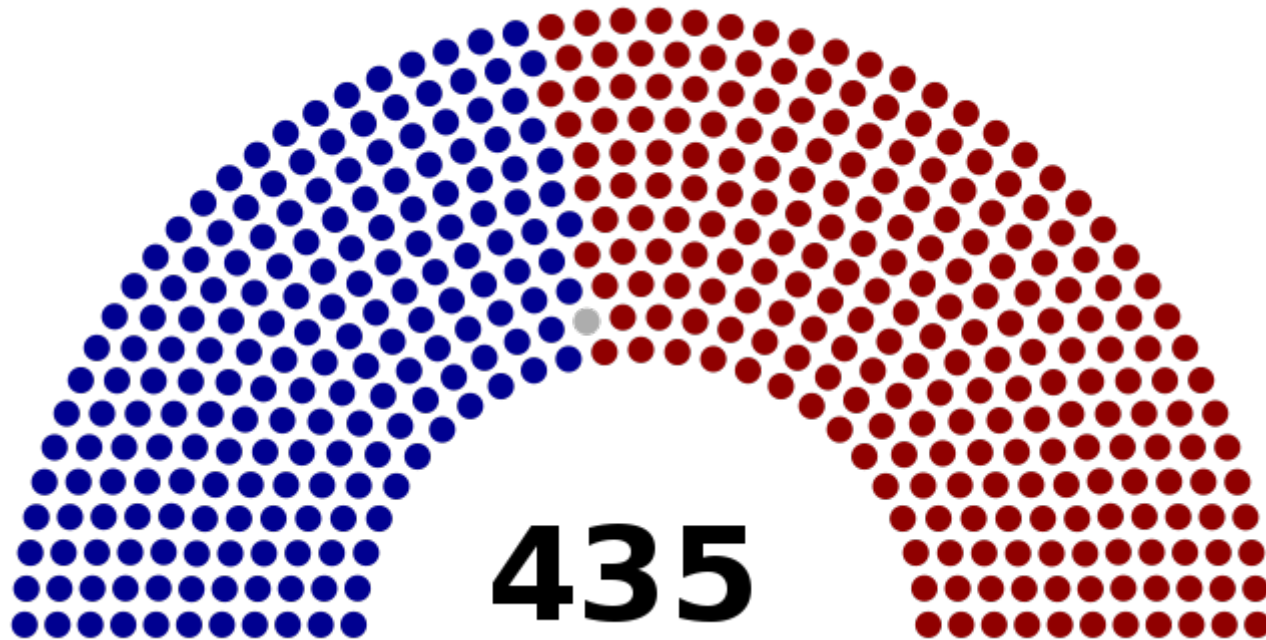
U.S. House of Representatives: *115th Congress*

193 – Democrats

238 – Republicans

0 – Independents

4 – Vacancies

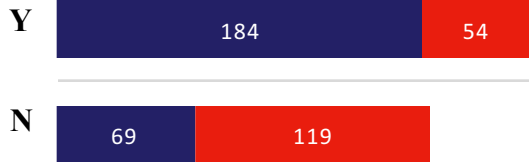


1. Murphy (R), PA resigned 10/21/2017
2. Conyers (D), MI resigned 12/05/2017
3. Franks (R), AZ resigned 12/08/2017
4. Tiberi (R), OH resigned 01/15/2018

Key Gun-Related Votes in House

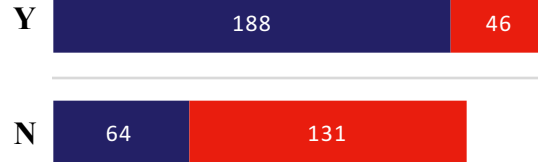
BRADY BILL (1993)

■ Democrats ■ Republicans



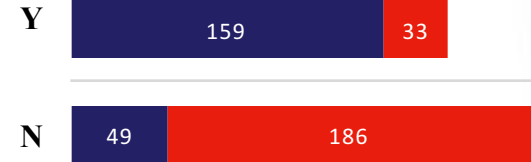
ASSAULT WEAPONS BAN (1994)

■ Democrats ■ Republicans



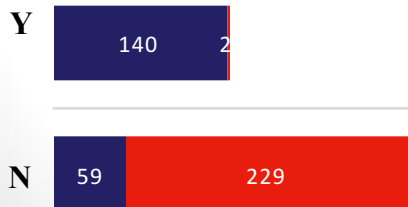
CLOSING GUN SHOW LOOPHOLE (1999)

■ Democrats ■ Republicans



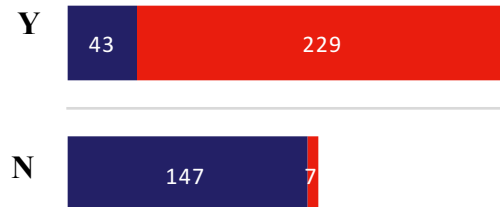
LIMITING GUN MANUFACTURER LIABILITY (2005)

■ Democrats ■ Republicans



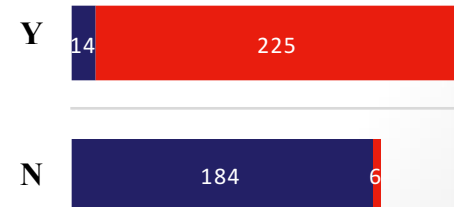
CONCEALED CARRY RECIPROCITY (2011)

■ Democrats ■ Republicans



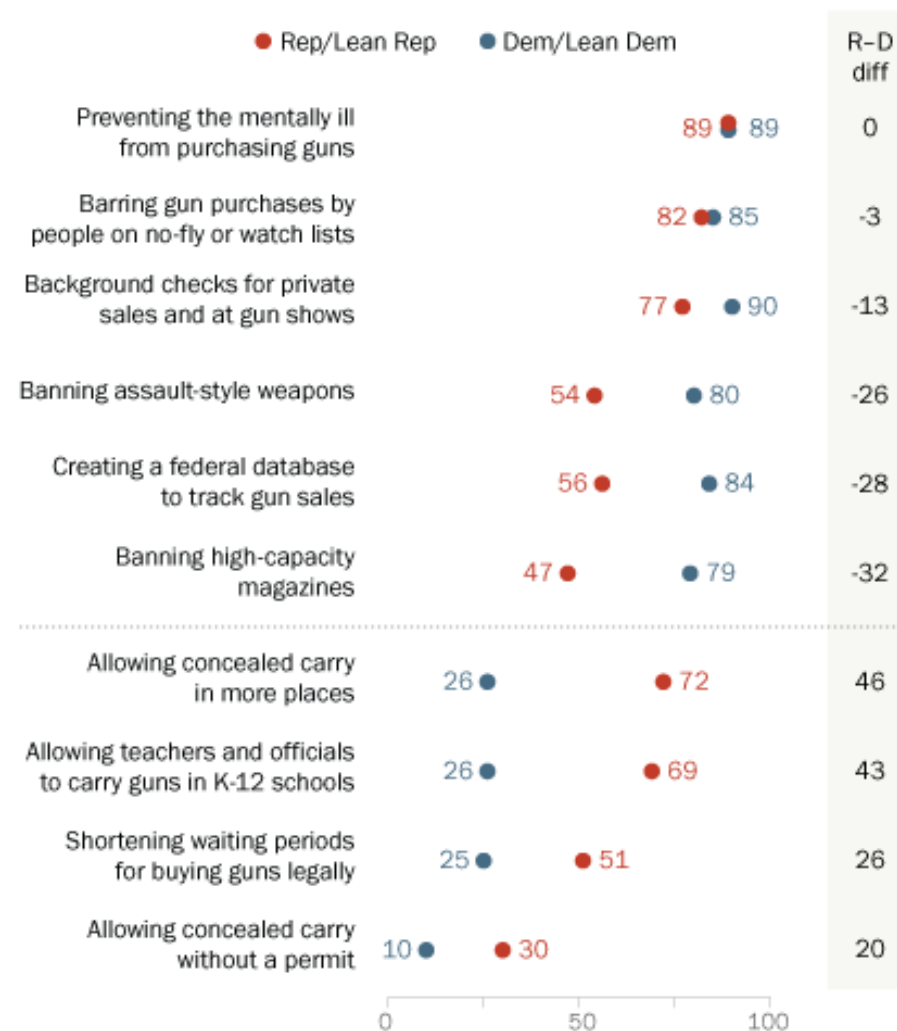
CONCEALED CARRY RECIPROCITY (2017)

■ Democrats ■ Republicans



Partisan gap in views of concealed carry is among widest on gun policy proposals

% who strongly or somewhat favor ...



Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted March 13-27 and April 4-18, 2017.

PEW RESEARCH CENTER

Current State of Play

- In 114th Congress, more than 250 bills were introduced in the House of Representatives to curb gun violence.
 - 0 of those bills received a hearing or a vote on the floor

DeSaulnier Efforts

- Authored 2 bills and 1 amendment in Congress
 - Drafting a 3rd bill to create a Gun Safety Board
- Supported 32 gun violence prevention bills
- Authored 2 bills in State Legislature

Gun Violence: Follow the Money

The National Rifle Association

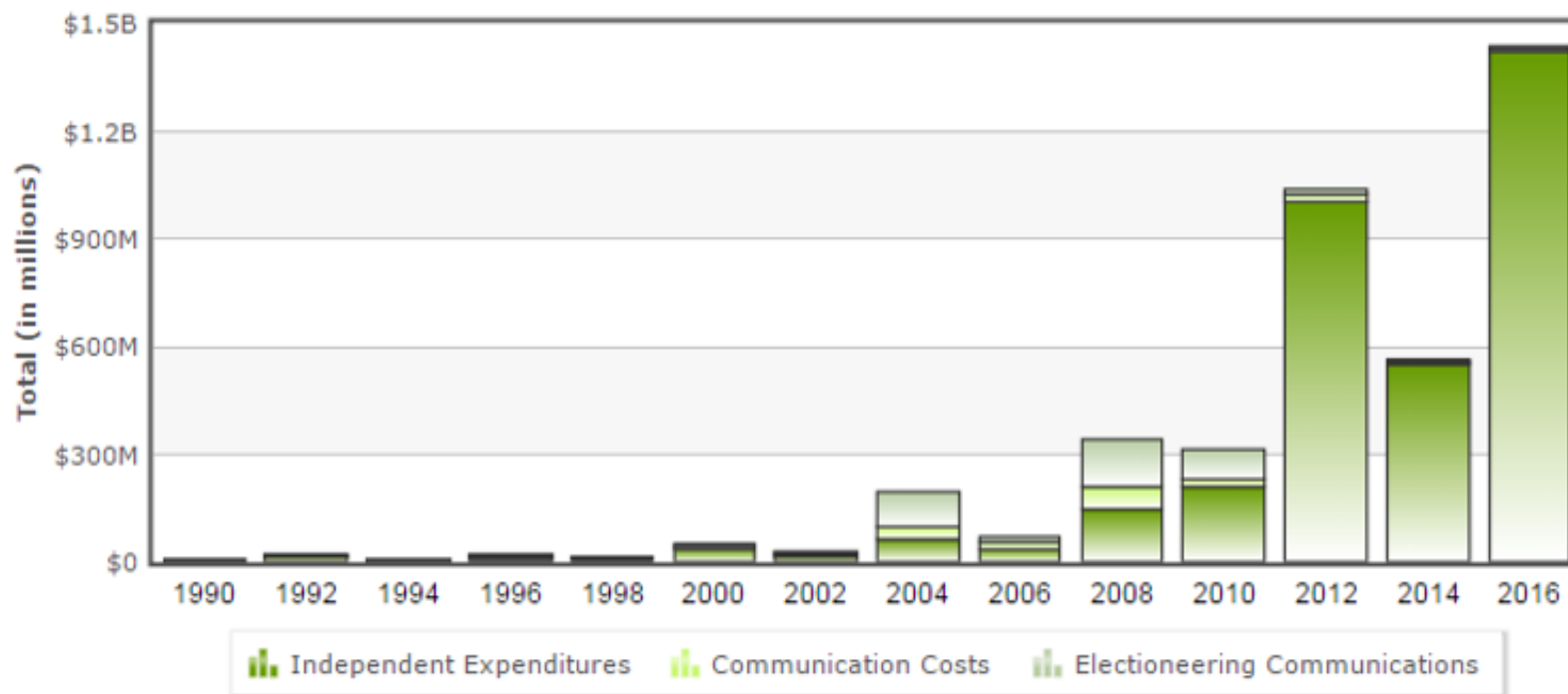
- Lifetime **“F”** score from the NRA
- Never accepted any donations from their group
- Since the school shooting at Columbine, the NRA has donated \$11.7 million to Republican Members of Congress.
- The NRA contributed \$30.3 million to President Trump in the 2016 election cycle.

Campaign Finance

- The 2016 election cycle was the most expensive election on record, with over \$6.9 billion spent on the Presidential and Congressional elections combined, a 120% increase over the 2000 elections
- The cost of Congressional elections has spiked even further, with over \$4.2 billion spent in 2016, a 155% increase from the 2000 elections
- The *Government by the People Act* would encourage public financing of political campaigns to:
 - Provide citizens with a campaign contribution credit to let their voice be heard and
 - Gives candidates an incentive to seek out small donors

Campaign Finance

Outside Spending by Cycle, Excluding Party Committees



CONGRESSMAN DESAULNIER'S CONSTITUENT SERVICES BY THE NUMBERS



ASSISTED

3,000+

Constituents in
navigating problems
with a federal agency



HOSTED **58**

Town Halls & Mobile
District Office Hours



RESPONDED TO

235,650+ Constituent inquiries



✉ = 10,000 responses

ATTENDED

525+ Community events & meetings

27

BILLS & AMENDMENTS



20 Bills Authored

7 Amendments Enacted



445,000+

Miles flown between
California & Washington, DC



HELPED

2,400+

Constituents secure tours of
the Washington, D.C. area

Town Halls & Mobile District Office Hours

2015

Concord
Richmond
Danville
Pleasant Hill
Rossmoor
El Cerrito
Orinda
Clayton
San Pablo
Pittsburg
Pacheco

2016

Walnut Creek
San Pablo
Antioch
Facebook
Richmond
Danville
Orinda
Rossmoor
Concord
Pittsburg
El Cerrito
Martinez

2017

Facebook (3)
Martinez
Pleasant Hill
Antioch
Richmond
Lafayette
Telephone Town Hall (3)
Danville
Moraga
Richmond
Concord
Pittsburg
Walnut Creek
Orinda

2018

El Cerrito
Facebook
Martinez
San Pablo
Pleasant Hill

Mobile District Office Hours

El Cerrito
Pittsburg
Bay Point
Walnut Creek
Richmond
Lafayette

Moraga
Martinez
Bay Point
El Cerrito
Kensington
Walnut Creek

Upcoming Town Hall

60th Town Hall or MDO

Saturday, March 3, 2018

11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Ygnacio Valley High School

Multi-Use Room

755 Oak Grove Road

Concord, CA 94518

Democracy Awards

- Finalist: Congressional Management Foundation Democracy Awards

*“As a finalist in Constituent Service for a Democracy Award, Rep. DeSaulnier’s office is clearly one of the best in Congress. This designation demonstrates that Rep. DeSaulnier has made a significant commitment to being the best public servant for his constituents in California. **Rep. DeSaulnier and his staff are to be congratulated for not only being a model for colleagues in Congress, but for helping to restore trust and faith that our democratic institutions can work.**”*

– Bradford Fitch, President and CEO of the Congressional Management Foundation

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<https://desaulnier.house.gov/gun-survey>

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